(b) the amount sanctioned to NGOs to make half way home and long care homes in last five years for mentally sick?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, releases grant-in-aid to the NGO's for providing vocational training, counseling and medical advice/treatment to the persons with mental illness for their rehabilitations.

(b) No grant-in-aid has been sanctioned to the NGO's in the last five years for the construction of half way homes and long care homes.

Survey regarding social and educational status of backward class

2235. SHRI VIJAYA KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific information regarding the social and educational status of backward class;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government have any plan to make a survey in this regard, to get the specific information as Sachar Committee is appointed to get the specific information in this regard for the Muslim community;

(d) whether Government have any plan to uplift the backward committee economically;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard, State-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The social and educationally backward classes in different States and Union Territory Administrations have been identified. The Government of India has, so far, issued 23 Gazette Notifications including

more than 2000 castes/communities in the Central List of OBCs for different States/UTs.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Government has been releasing funds under the schemes for economic and educational development of OBCs through various States/ UTs as per year-wise budget allocation:—

(i) Pre-matric Scholarship for OBCs

(ii) Post-matric Scholarship for OBCs

(iii) Hostel for OBCs Boys and Girls.

(iv) Pre-matric coaching for OBC students

(v) Aid to Voluntary Organizations for providing vocational training to OBC beneficiaries to start, income generating activities on their own or get gainfully employed in some sector or the other

(vi) Scheme for concessional finance through National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation.

(f) Does not arise.

Implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006

2236. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up a Committee to frame rules for implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional F orest Dwellers Act, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to develop over 2,700 forest villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBALAFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has constituted a Technical Support Group on 12.2.2007 for framing the draft Rules for carrying out the provisions